torious sports persons in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts are applicable not only to the Departments of the Government but also to their attached, subordinate offices and various field formations. Powers of appointments to these posts vest in the delegated authorities in these organisations. no information/ data is centrally available in regard to the appointments made during the last three years.

Energy for Rural Requirements

5600. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Advisory Board on Energy for rural requirements in the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the manner in which afforestation plans have been coordinated with rural fuel requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cost of Sonepur Bazari Project

5601. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the revised estimated cost of Sonepur Bazari Coal Project now as compared to its original estimated cost;

(b) whether the Project is viable with the revised estimated cost;

(c) the opinion of the Work Bank in regard to viability due to cost escalation; and

(d) the time by which the project is proposed to start supplying power grade coal to linked thermal power station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). As compared to the sancitoned cost of Rs. 192.96 crores for Sonepur Bazari OCP of ECL the tentative cost according to the Revised Cost Estimates prepared is Rs. 453.91 crores (1991 prices). The economics calculated in the Revised Cost Estimates indicates that the project is economically viable. The World Bank has indicated that the economic and financial viability Would need to be reviewed by them for which action has been initiated.

(d) Coal supply from Sonepur Bazari project is linked to Bakreshwar TPS (3 x 210 MW). As indicated by Central Electricity Authority. the first unit of Bakreshwar TPS is expected to be commissioned in 1995-96. The coal requirement of this unit would be supplied from Sonepur Bazari project.

Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmes

5602. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of the urban poverty alleviation programmes has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated urban slum population in the country by the end of 1991; and

(d) the parentage of urban population living below the poverty line?